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President: Mr. Park In-kook (Vice-President) ..... (Republic of Korea)

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* No summary record was prepared for the rest of the meeting. A panel discussion was conducted.

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In the absence of Mr. Mérorès (Haiti), Mr. Park In-kook (Republic of Korea), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The discussion covered in the summary record began at 10.15 a.m.

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance (*continued*)

The meeting rose at 10.20 a.m.

A panel discussion on the topic of "Disaster risk reduction and preparedness: Addressing the humanitarian consequences of natural disasters, including the impact of climate change" followed. The panel was chaired by Mr. Park In-kook (Republic of Korea), Vice-President of the Council, and moderated by Ms. Catherine Bragg, Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator. The Panellists were Ms. Barbara Carby, Director of Hazard Management, Cayman Islands; Ms. Madeleen Helmer, Head of the Climate Center, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; Mr. Mostafa Mohaghegh, Head of the Regional Office for West Asia and North Africa, International Strategy for Disaster Reduction; Mr. Phil Bloomer, Campaigns and Policy Director, Oxfam, Great Britain; and Mr. Walter Kaelin, Representative of the Secretary-General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons.